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1516-38 GILMOR STREET

BALTIMORE CITY, MD

This is the latest example of rowhouses built in the survey area. The row dates to circa 1926.

These are a later, stripped version of the Marble House, constructed in a severe, planar fashion.

These are two-story, two-bay units in red brick. Private access.

D INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES FORM
SANDTOWN-WINCHESTER SURVEY

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name N/A

other names/site number rowhouses/ B-4461 (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 1516-38 Gilmor St.

not for publication

city or town Baltimore

vicinity N/A

state Maryland

code MD

county Baltimore City

code 510

zip code 21217

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

12

Noncontributing

buildings

sites

structures

objects

Total

12

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC

Sub: multiple dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC

Sub: multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Renaissance

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation marble

roof

walls BRICK

other marble

METAL

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance See continuation sheet.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning and Development

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Period of Significance c.1926-1940

Significant Dates c.1926

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder William E. Ridgely, builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See continuation sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Maps

Bromley, G.W. and Co. Atlas of the City of Baltimore, Vol. 1. Philadelphia: 1885, 1896.
Hopkins, G.M. Map of the City of Baltimore, Maryland. 1876, 1877.
Sanborn Map Company. Insurance Maps, Baltimore, Maryland, Vols. 2,3, and 7. New York: 1890, 1901, 1914, 1928.
Simmons, Isaac. 1852 Revision of the Thomas H. Poppleton Map. Baltimore: 1852.

Baltimore City Directories

Baltimore City Land Records

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Lot = 13'11" x 75'

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UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	—	—	—	3	—	—
2	—	—	—	4	—	—

— See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Block 22, Lots 9-19

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are based on a city lot(s) retaining original property lines.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Robinson & Associates date July 1992
street & number 1710 Connecticut Ave., NW telephone (202) 234-2333
city or town Washington state DC zip code 20009

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name multiple owners
street&number _____ telephone _____
city or town Baltimore state MD zip code 21217

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HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape
Architecture, and Community Planning; Social/Education/Cultural

Resource Type:

Category: building(s)

Historic Environment: urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): domestic

Known Design Source: William E. Ridgely

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DESCRIPTION

This intact grouping, dating from c.1926, shows the latest neighborhood evidence of the "Marble House" style, here constructed in a severe, planar fashion devoid of embellishment (save for the standard marble trim). It is likely an example of the "blind" type of rowhouse, featuring a three-room plan where the middle room lacks windows.

The units have architrave cornices in individual, one-unit sections; between these, short ventilator caps/fire walls rise above roof level. Door and windows have either marble or sandstone sills and lintels. Windows were likely eight-over-one sash originally, though most now have one-over-one. Doors are single-leaf with transoms above. A beltcourse of brick headers runs at the second-story lintel level.

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The last known group of rowhouses to be developed in the survey area were built by William E. Ridgely. Their late date of construction, c. 1926, is due to the existence of an estate on the grounds long after most of the private estates in the neighborhood had been subdivided into speculative lots.

The owner of the estate in 1916 was Edith B. Ford. The land had been in the Ford family since at least 1876, when J.T. Ford is listed as the owner on the Hopkins Atlas. The original Ford house was positioned just to the north of Windsor Mill Road, a pre-speculation route which ran in an east/west fashion across the neighborhood.

On November 2, 1916, she deeded her property at 1536 N. Gilmor Street to Elizabeth P. and Mary Ford; Lucy F. Sollers; Sallie F. Ellender; Fannie F. Richardson; and Martha F. Gresham. (Liber S.C.L. 3086, Folio 400.)

Almost ten years later, on June 22, 1925, the above-mentioned parties executed a deed of the property to Saul Silberman. (Liber S.C.L. 4410, Folio 465.) The 1926 City Directory lists the occupation of Saul Silberman (with his wife Sarah) as "real estate," with offices at 231 St. Paul Place. He resided at 949 Brooks Lane.

On the same day as the deed, Saul and Sarah Silberman took out of three-party mortgage from the Chesapeake Mortgage Company of Delaware and Robert Seff. Seff was a real estate investor in the Sandtown neighborhood who had invested earlier in the rowhouse property at the 1300 block of Mount Street. (See B-4450.)

One year later, the property was in the hands of Seff, perhaps due to Silberman's inability to make good on his mortgage. On June 15, 1926, Robert and Frieda Seff leased twelve lots of land to William E. Ridgely. (Liber S.C.L. 4589, Folio 498.)

Ridgely, who in the 1926 City Directory called himself a "laborer," resided at 623 N. Mount Street, and is presumed to have been the builder of these

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stripped-down "Marble House" rowhouses. He took out several mortgages on the property to finance construction: one from the United Building and Savings Association (Liber S.C.L. 4589, Folio 502); a second from the Maryland Pythian Building Association (Liber S.C.L. 4589, Folio 505); and a third from the Wyman Park Building Association (Liber S.C.L. 4598, Folio 567.)

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RECONNAISSANCE-LEVEL SURVEY FORM

Survey No. B-4461

Neg. No. 5/15

Historic Name _____

Current Name/Use _____

Address(es) 1516-38 Gilmor Street

Resource/Property Type

☒ Rowhouses
☐ Commercial Structure
☐ Public/Institutional Building
☒ Attached
☐ Public Housing
☐ Freestanding
☐ Site
☐ Other

Note: _____

Stories 2 + B

Primary Material brick Secondary Material marble, stamped metal

Roof Form flat

No. of Bays in Unit/Facade 2 If Rowhouse: ☒ Flat Front ☐ Swell Front ☐ Porch

Window Type: ☒ Double-Hung Door Type: ☒ Single-Leaf
☒ 1/1 Sash ☐ Double-Leaf
☐ 2/2 Sash ☐ Number of panels (if visible)
☐ 2/1 Sash ☒ Transom
☒ Other Sash
☐ Transom

Architectural Style "Marble Houses"/Renaissance Revival Date c. post-1914

Summary/Noteworthy Features: This intact grouping shows the latest neighborhood evidence of the "Marble House" style, here in severe, planar fashion devoid of embellishment (save the marble trim). Architrave cornices in individual, 1-unit sections. Marble door and window lintels, sills; sandstone on left end unit. Some windows have replacement sash, 6/1 or 8/1. Small chimneys rise between units near front. Beltcourse of brick headers at 3rd story.

Alterations: ☒ Formstone ☐ Stucco
☐ Vinyl/Aluminum ☒ Window/Door Changes
☒ Awnings ☒ Missing Cornice Elements
☐ First-Floor Use Change ☐ Other: _____

Status: ☐ Occupied ☐ Vacant ☒ Mixed

NR Evaluation: ☒ Contributing ☐ Non-Contributing

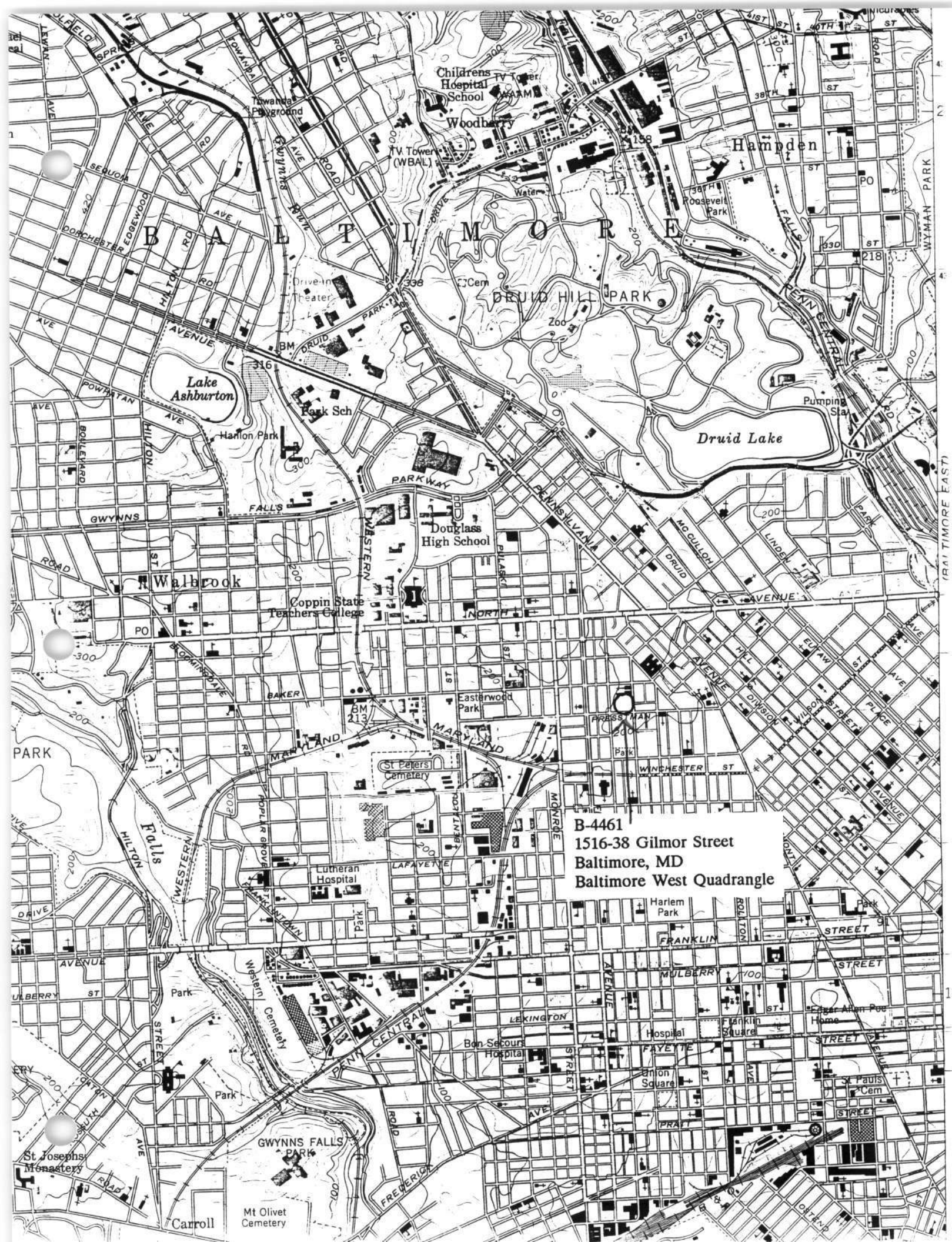
Recommended for Intensive Level: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Surveyor: Joey Lampl

Affiliation: Robinson & Associates

Date: February-April 1992

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Leonard Jackson

July 1992

City of Baltimore, Commission for Historical and Architectural
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EAST ELEVATION

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Roll 9/neg 7



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ELIZABETH QO LAMPL

MARCH 1992

CITY OF BALTIMORE, COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

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EAST ELEVATION

ROLL 5 / NEG 15

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